October, 1987 from Ex-Andaman Political Prisoners' Fraternity Circle, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are their demands and suggestions; and

(c) what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) They have demanded grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension to 10 eminent Ex-Andaman freedom fighters who had not applied for pension earlier. The matter is under consideration.

Seizure of Animal Skins in Delhi

575. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge quantity of animal skins meant for clandestine export were seized in Delhi during the months of March and April 1988;

(b) if so, the value thereof and the names of the animals whose skins were being exported; and

(c) the details of persons arrested in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Details of wild annimal skins seized by the Delhi Police and the wildlife wing of Delhi Administration during March and April, 1988 are given in Statements-I and II, respectively (see below). The value of these skins cannot be estimated correctly.

Whether the skins were to be illegally used within the country or were intended for clandestine export, is not known.

(c) Two persons have been arrested in the case detected on 25.3.1988 and one person in the case detected on 9.4.1988. The prosecution proceedings have been launched against these persons.

No person has so far been arrested in the cases detected on 30.3.1988 and 22.4.1988.

Statement—I

List of wild animal skins seized by Delhi Police on 25-3-1988 from Zafarabad, New Seelampur, Delhi.

	Name of wild animal	Number of skins seized
1.	Tiger	1
2.	Leopard	5
3.	Wolf	1
4.	Desert Cat	19
5.	Jackal	2178
6.	Jungle Cat	1204
7.	Common Fox	61
8.	Red Fox	55
9.	Toddy Cat	45
10.	Snake skins	25800
		29369

Statement-II

List of wild animal skins seized by the Wildlife wing of Delhi Administration on 30-3-1988, 9-4-1988 and 22-4-1988 in Delhi.

Name of species	Number of skins seized		
	30-3-88	9-4-88	22-4-88
1. Tiger	..	1	..
2. Leopard	..	17	1
3. Desert Cat	716	..	..
4. Jackal	9	72	..
5. Jungle Cat	7		
6. Common Fox	43		
7. Red Fox	4449		
8. Cut pieces of skins	..	8 Kg.	..
9. Articles made of Red Fox, Common Fox, Jungle Cat, Jackal & Toddy Cat.	..	18	..
	5224	108 8 Kg.	1

Motorable road along the Tripura border

@758. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no motorable road along the Tripura border although the State Government have been pressing for it for long;

(b) whether Government propose to construct the road;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d) As a part of anti-infiltration measures, it has been decided to construct a motorable road all along the Indo-Bangladesh Border adjoining Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal and Tripura. In phase I of the programme in Tripura, it is proposed to construct approx. seventy Kms. of border road in West Tripura District and aprox. forty Kms. in South Tripura District. Survey work for construction of road in the above sectors has been taken-up.

@Previously Unstarred Question 376 transferred from the 28th April, 1988.

Freedom fighter's pension

759. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that freedom fighter's pension sanctioned by the Central Government to one Shri Rana Muneshwar Kumar Singh, son of late Shri Rana Kailashpati Narain Singh of village and Post Office Nagwagarh, District Gaya, (Bihar) vide